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SUBJECT: AD HOC GROUP MEETING, APRIL 30

1. SUMMARY MAIN FEATURE OF GROUP MEETING WAS CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE ALLIED APPROACHES TO BE USED IN COUNTERING NEW SOVIET ATTEMPT, WHICH EMERGED FROM TRILATERAL MEETINGS ON APRIL 28-29, TO QUALIFY CARRYING OVER PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS TO THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EXPLICIT REFERENCES TO WORKING GROUPS AND PARTICIPATION BY ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES. GROUP DISCUSSED TACTICS FOR DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE AND AGREED TO ACCEPT SOVIET COMPROMISE SOLUTION FOR HANDLING PRESENTATION
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AT FIRST PLENARY OF PROCEDURES PAPER AND UNILATERAL STATEMENTS.
END SUMMARY.

2. CHAIRMAN (GREEK REP SEKERIS) OPENED MEETING AT FRG EMBASSY

WITH REQUEST FOR REPORTS ON BILATERAL CONTACTS. US REP REPORTED THAT ON EVENING OF APRIL 29 HE HAD HAD A CASUAL ENCOUNTER WITH KHLESTOV (SOVIET REP) IN WHICH LATTER MADE CLEAR THAT HE WAS NERVOUS ABOUT EXCEEDING HIS INSTRUCTIONS IN DEALING WITH WESTERN SPOKESMEN ON THE QUESTION OF EXPANDED PARTICIPATION AS DISCUSSED WITH US AND NETHERLANDS REPS ON APRIL 28-29 (SEE VIENNA 3519). US REP CIRCULATED REPORT ON DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET REPS ON APRIL 28-29.

3. APRIL 28-29 TRILATERAL. NETHERLANDS REP (QUARLES) SUMMARIZED DISCUSSION HELD DURING 8 1/2 HOUR MEETING ON 28 APRIL AND SECOND SHORTER SESSION ON 29 APRIL. DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND TWO ISSUES: GIVING EQUAL STATUS TO THE STATEMENTS ON HUNGARY AND THE PROCEDURES PAPER, AND THE CARRY- OVER OF PROCEDURES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. REGARDING THE FIRST ISSUE, NETHERLANDS REP SAID THAT WESTERN REQUIREMENT THAT STATEMENTS BE WRITTEN WAS CONTESTED BY KHLESTOV. HOWEVER, A COMPROMISE POSSIBILITY EMERGED WHEREBY A WRITTEN RECORD OF THE FIRST PLENARY, CONTAINING THE PROCEDURES PAPER AND THE PAIRED STATEMENTS, WOULD BE PUBLISHED. THIS ARRANGEMENT, NETHERLANDS REP FELT, WOULD MEET WESTERN REQUIREMENTS, BUT, WITH REGARD TO THE SECOND ISSUE THE DISCUSSION REVEALED NEW AND DISQUIETING ELEMENTS: THE SOVIETS DID NOT WANT TO REACH A DECISION NOW ABOUT CARRY- OVER OF PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS TO THE FALL. RATHER, THE SOVIETS WANTED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THEY ALSO WANTED TO INTRODUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION BY OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BESIDES THE 19, AND THEY ARE SEEKING INCLUSION IN THE PROCEDURES PAPER OF A REFERENCE ALLOWING WORKING GROUPS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE COURSE OF ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS. THUS, IN NETHERLANDS REP' S VIEW, THE CONTINUED VALIDITY OF THE PROCEDURES PAPER AS JOINTLY DRAFTED TO DATE COULD BE MADE DEPENDENT UPON REACHING AGREEMENT ON THESE TWO ADDITIONAL POINTS SOUGHT BY THE SOVIETS, OR EVEN ADDITIONAL POINTS.

4. NETHERLANDS REP CONTINUED THAT KHLESTOV, HOWEVER, HAD EXPRESSED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPAL WITH THE CONCEPT OF CARRY- SECRET

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OVER. WESTERN SPOKESMEN HAD THEREFORE STRESSED THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF INJECTING THE TWO ADDITIONAL POINTS SOUGHT BY THE SOVIETS SINCE THE COMPROMISE ALREADY REACHED HAD REQUIRED THE WEST TO ACCEPT SOME UNFAVORABLE ELEMENTS. NETHERLANDS REP WENT ON TO SAY THAT BOTH SIDES PROBABLY ACCEPTED THE IDEA THAT THE PROCEDURES PAPER WOULD APPLY TO THE FALL NEGOTIATIONS. KHLESTOV, NETHERLANDS REP SAID, HAD STRESSED THAT THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE SOLVED NOW AND WESTERN SPOKESMEN HAD REMINDED HIM OF THIS TO UNDERSCORE THE LEGITIMACY OF THE WEST ASKING HOW LONG THE AGREED PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD APPLY. THERE WAS NO NEED TO MAKE SPECIFIC REFERENCE IN THE PAPER TO THE TWO POINTS DESIRED BY THE SOVIETS. FOR THEIR PART, WESTERN SPOKESMEN HAD RAISED NO NEW ELEMENTS IN DISCUSSING

THE CARRY OVER ISSUE WITH SOVIET REPS. DURING APRIL 28 DISCUSSION, KHLESTOV HAD ADVANCED THE PERSONAL SUGGESTION THAT ALLIES COULD ADD TO THEIR STATEMENT ON HUNGARY THE POINT THAT PROCEDURES AGREED ON SHOULD BE CARRIED OVER TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. SOVIET REPLY MADE THROUGH THE HUNGARIAN STATEMENT WOULD AGREE TO THIS, BUT, KHLESTOV HAD SAID, IT WOULD ADD REFERENCES TO ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES AND WORKING GROUPS. ON APRIL 29, HOWEVER, KHLESTOV MOVED AWAY FROM THIS SUGGESTION AND THE QUESTION, STILL OPEN, WOULD BE THE SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION AT THE TRI-LATERAL ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL 30.

5. THE PROBLEM OF SEATING PARTICIPANTS IN ENGLISH ALPHABETICAL ORDER HAD BEEN SOLVED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY, NETHERLANDS REP SAID, BUT GROUP MUST NOW DECIDE ON 3 ISSUES. FIRST, IT MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE THE SCENARIO FOR THE FIRST PLENARY AS SET FORTH IN SOVIET DRAFT WRITTEN RECORD CONTAINING THE PROCEDURES PAPER AND PAIRED STATEMENTS. SECOND, THE GROUP MUST PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE WESTERN SPOKESMEN REGARDING THE CARRY- OVER ISSUE. PERHAPS THIS COULD BE ALONG THE LINES OF KHLESTOV' S PERSONAL SUGGESTION. LASTLY, THE GROUP MUST MAKE SEVERAL MINOR DECISIONS REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RAPPOREUR. THE SOVIETS HAD REQUESTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN BE DRAWN BY LOT IN ADVANCE AND THAT HE NOT BE FROM ...

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THE SAME SIDE AS THE RAPPOREUR WHO WOULD READ THE PROCEDURES PAPER. THE RAPPOREUR WOULD BE EITHER THE NETHERLANDS, SOVIET, OR US REP. US REP INTERVENED TO ADVISE GROUP AGAINST USING TERM " RAPPOREUR". " SPOKESMAN" WOULD LEND GREATER STATURE TO THE PROCEDURES PAPER AND WOULD DEEMPHASIZE PRESENTATIONAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROCEDURES PAPER AND PAIRED STATEMENTS. NETHERLANDS REP CONTINUED, SAYING THAT ALLIES SHOULD CHOOSE SOMEONE TO PERFORM THIS ROLE. IN ADDITION, 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE PLENARY, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH SIDE, POSSIBLY WILLOT (BELGIAN REP) AND STRULAK (POLISH REP), SHOULD MEET TO DRAW LOTS FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP. FOUR SEPARATE LANGUAGE TEXTS WOULD HAE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE PLENARY AND THIS WOULD REQUIRE THE MEETING IN ADVANCE OF AN EDITORIAL COMMITTEE TO CLEAR AND COORDINATE TRANSLATION. SOVIET REP, NETHERLANDS REP SAID, ALSO WANTED
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A COMMUNIQUE TO BE PREPARED ANNOUNCING THE PLENARY AND THIS, ALONG WITH THE PUBLICITY ITEMS OF CONCERN TO THE WEST, MUST BE DECIDED BY THE GROUP.

6. PRESENTATION OF PROCEDURES PAPER. CHAIRMAN ASKED IF GROUP WAS PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE NETHERLANDS AND US REPS TO ACCEPT THE SOLUTION REACHED FOR PRESENTING THE PROCEDURES PAPER AND THE PAIRED STATEMENTS. GROUP AGREED.

7. CARRY- OVER ISSUE. US REP OUTLINED THREE WAYS OF DEALING WITH CARRY- OVER ISSUE, ON ASSUMPTION SOVIETS COULD NOT BE BROUGHT TO DROP IDEA COMPLETELY. THE FIRST AND MOST PREFERABLE WOULD BE FOR THE SOVIETS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO CARRY- OVER IN THEIR GENERAL PLENARY STATEMENT. THIS COULD CONTAIN REFERENCES TO WORKING GROUPS AND ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SESSION COULD IN RETURN STATE THAT THE PROCEDURES WOULD BE CARRIED OVER TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE SECOND WOULD BE TO ADD A 10 TH POINT TO THE PROCEDURES PAPER TO COVER THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES. TEXT WOULD READ BEGIN QUOTE: THIS UNDERSTANDING WHICH WILL ALSO BE APPLIED IN THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS, MAY BE AMPLIFIED BY CONSENSUS. END QUOTE. US REP ADDED THAT BESIDES PRECLUDING UNILATERAL STATEMENTS THE PURPOSE OF THIS APPROACH WOULD BE TO GET SOVIET AGREEMENT TO CARRYING AGREED PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS OVER TO THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS BY MERELY STATING THE OBVIOUS. WHETHER THIS WOULD MEET SOVIET DESIRES WAS QUESTIONABLE, BUT ADVANCING SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD NOT HARM WESTERN INTERESTS. ALLIES KNOW THAT THE SOVIETS CANNOT BE PREVENTED FROM RAISING THE ISSUES OF WORKING GROUPS AND ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE FALL. THE ENLARGEMENT FORMULA ALREADY MAKES THE RASING OF ADDITIONAL PROCEDURAL ISSUES, I. E., INVITING FURTHER PARTICIPANTS, POSSIBLE AND THE SOVIETS RECOGNIZE THIS. SOVIETS APPEAR TO FEAR WEST MIGHT ADOPT A RIGID POSITION ON PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS AND THAT WEST WOULD RULE EASTERN PARTICIPANTS OUT OF

ORDER IF SUCH ADDITIONAL POINTS ARE NOT INCLUDED NOW. ALLIES THEREFORE SHOULD STRESS THAT WHILE CHANGES ARE NOT RULED OUT THEY WOULD REQUIRE AGREEMENT BY CONSENSUS. THE THIRD APPROACH FOR DEALING WITH THE CARRY- OVER ISSUE WOULD INVOLVE AMPLIFYING THE PROJECTED STATEMENTS OF BOTH SIDES OR POSSIBLY ADDING A SECOND PAIR OF STATEMENTS. US REP THEN EXPRESSED VIEW THAT, GIVEN NATURE OF SOVIET INSTRUCTIONS, IT DOES NOT APPEAR LIKELY THAT THE ALLIES WILL BE ABLE TO PURSUADE THE SOVIETS TO DROP THEIR IN-SECRET

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SISTENCE ON FURTHER QUALIFYING CARRY- OVER ARRANGEMENTS. A FOURTH APPROACH, INVOLVING A COMBINATION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND APPROACHES, MIGHT INVOLVE OBLIGING THE SOVIETS TO MAKE A REFERENCE TO CARRY- OVER IN THEIR PLENARY STATEMENTS IN ADDITION TO HAVING A TENTH POINT ADDED TO THE PROCEDURES PAPER.

8. CANADIAN REP (GRADE) SAID THAT IT WAS CLEAR TO HIM THAT SOVITS WERE RESIGNED TO THE WEST BEING SUCCESSFUL IN EXCLUDING A THIRD CATEGORY OF COUNTRIES FROM THE TALKS, BUT WERE INSISTING ON IT FOR PROPAGANDA REASONS. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) SAID THAT HE WOULD PREFER ADDITION OF TENTH POINT TO PROCEDURES PAPER AND POSSIBLY AN EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS. IN THE CASE OF THE LATTER, HE FELT THAT BOTH STATEMENTS SHOULD USE PARALLEL WORDING. US REP SAID THAT THERE WERE TWO POSSIBLE WAYS TO HANDLE AN EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS. ONE WOULD BE TO TACK THEM ON TO THE PRESENT PAIR OF STATEMENTS, THUS GIVING THE PRESENT STATEMENTS MORE AUTHORITY BY ADDING AN ELEMENT OF COMMON AGREEMENT TO THEM. ALTERNATIVELY, AN ADDITIONAL WESTERN STATEMENT COULD ALSO BE MADE MAKING CLEAR THAT THE WEST CONSIDERS THE CIRCLE OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE PRESENT TALKS TO BE FULLY ADEQUATE. NETHERLANDS REP FELT THAT THIS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED BY THE NEUTRALS AS A PUBLIC REBUFF AND CONSIDERED IT INADVISABLE. US REP REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT PRESSING FOR ADOPTION OF THIS APPROACH.

9. BELGIAN REP FELT THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF AMPLIFYING THE PROCEDURES WAS A GOOD ONE. NETHERLANDS REP FELT THAT FINAL COMMUNIQUE COULD CONTAIN A REFERENCE THAT PROVIDED FOR CARRY- OVER OF PROCEDURES TO THE FALL NEGOTIATIONS. US REP NOTED THAT IF BOTH SIDES WERE IN AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT, IT WOULD NOT BE NEEDED, BUT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO GET A SENTENCE IN THE COMMUNIQUE WHICH EXPLICITLY STATED THAT THE ARRANGEMENT FOR PROCEDURES AND PARTICIPATION WAS SET FORTH IN THE RECORD OF THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION. THIS, IN FACT, COULD NORMALLY BE EXPECTED IN A COMMUNIQUE.

10. UK REP (JOHNSON) SAID THAT OF THE THREE APPROACHES OUTLINED HE COULD GO ALONG WITH THE FIRST TWO BUT NOT THE THIRD. WHILE THE PROPOSED WORDING FOR POINT 10 APPEARED ACCEPTABLE TO HIM PERSONALLY, HE HAD NO LATITUDE IN INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WOULD PERMIT HIM TO ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT THE AGREEMENT
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(SEKERIS - GREECE), SPEAKING IN NATIONAL CAPACITY, SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THE SAME POSITION. ITALIAN REP (TALIANI) ADVISED GREEK, UK AND ANY OTHER REPS CONCERNED TO ASK THEIR CAPITALS FOR GUIDANCE ON THE THIRD APPROACH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SINCE THAT APPROACH WOULD BE THE PROBABLY OUTCOME.

11. US REP SAID THAT HE AGREED WITH ITALIAN REP'S ASSESSMENT, BUT ADDED THAT AT THE APRIL 30 MEETING THAT AFTERNOON HE AND NETHERLANDS REP WOULD HOLD TO GROUP VIEWS ON THE FIRST AND SECOND APPROACH. GROUP, HOWEVER, SHOULD WORK OUT COMMON WORDING OF CARRY-OVER STATEMENTS FOR USE IN REPORTING BACK TO AUTHORITIES. CHAIRMAN THEN STATED THAT FIRST AND SECOND APPROACHES WERE
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ACCEPTABLE TO THE GROUP BUT THAT THIRD AND FOURTH APPROACHES WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

12. BELGIAN REP SAID THAT HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE FIRST APPROACH WOULD WORK SINCE THE PLENARY STATEMENTS WOULD NOT IN THEMSELVES GUARANTEE CARRY-OVER. US REP SAID EASTERN DELEGATIONS WOULD MAKE THEIR TWO POINTS REGARDING WORKING GROUPS AND OF INVITING ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES IN THEIR PLENARY STATEMENTS IN

RETURN FOR AN UNQUALIFIED UNDERSTANDING ON CARRY- OVER. IN ADDITION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRST PLENARY MIGHT ADD A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT IT WAS HIS ASSUMPTION THAT THESE PROCEDURES WOULD BE CARRIED OVER TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. ITALIAN REP SAID THAT IN THE EVENT THE THIRD APPROACH WERE FOLLOWED HE WOULD PREFER THAT THE PRESENT STATEMENTS BE EXPANDED TO GIVE THEM MORE WEIGHT. DANISH REP (POULSEN) SAID THAT HE COULD ACCEPT FIRST AND SECOND APPROACHES AND PROBABLY THIRD APPROACH BUT WOULD PREFER THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD AVOID MAKING A STATEMENT AGAINST INVITING OTHER STATES. CANADIAN REP AGREED WITH DANISH REP. US REP SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW EXPANDED UNILATERAL STATEMENTS COULD BE USED TO PLACE ON THE RECORD A BASIS FOR MAKING CHANGES ONLY BY CONSENSUS. FRG REP (RUTH) POINTED OUT THAT WEST SHOULD NOT PERMIT SOVIETS TO BE THE EXCLUSIVE SPOKESMEN FOR NEUTRAL COUNTRIES. HE WOULD THEREFORE PREFER THE SECOND APPROACH TO THE THIRD. US REP SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE FAVORABLE TO THE WEST SINCE IT ENHANCES THE IDEA THAT THE PROCEDURES PAPER AND THE STATEMENTS ARE ALL ONE PACKAGE. ITALIAN REP AGREED.

13. BELGIAN REP SAID SOVIETS APPEARED TO BE ADVANCING TWO ARGUMENTS; ONE TECHNICAL RELATING TO THE CARRY- OVER ISSUE AND THE OTHER POLITICAL RELATING TO THE PARTICIPATION OF NEUTRALS. THUS, IT APPEARED ADVISABLE FOR THE WEST TO MAKE PROVISION FOR AMPLIFICATION OF THE PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS IN ITS STATEMENTS SINCE THIS COULD BE USED TO UNDERCUT THE SOVIETS ON THE FIRST ARGUMENT AND LEAVE THEM WITH ONLY A WEAK POLITICAL ARGUMENT. TURKISH REP (TULUMEN) POINTED OUT THAT A GENERAL PROVISION FOR CHANGE BY CONSENSUS AS PROPOSED IN THE SECOND APPROACH WOULD NOT BE A GOOD IDEA AND HE COULD NOT SUPPORT THE MAJORITY VIEW. HE WOULD PREFER THE THIRD APPROACH INVOLVING AN EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS AND THUS LIMITING POTENTIAL CHANGE TO THE TWO SUBJECTS OF CARRY- OVER AND NEUTRAL INVITATIONS. HE ADDED THAT IN REFERRING TO PARTICIPATION BY ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES, THE SOVIETS WERE MOST SECRET

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LIKELY TALKING ABOUT FRANCE AND YUGOSLAVIA. THE ENLARGEMENT FORMULA, HOWEVER, REFERS ONLY TO THE DIRECT AND SPECIAL PARTICIPANTS.

14. TEXT OF A POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL SENTENCE FOR ALLIED STATEMENT WAS CIRCULATED BY US REP AND EMERGED FROM GROUP AS FOLLOWS: " IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ARRANGEMENT ON PARTICIPATION AND PROCEDURES BEING SET FORTH TODAY WILL ALSO BE APPLIED IN THE PRESENT CONSULTATIONS AND IN THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS IN ITS PRESENT FORM UNLESS LATER AMPLIFIED BY CONSENSUS." US REP ALSO CIRCULATED DRAFT OF AN ADDITIONAL EASTERN SENTENCE REGARDING PROCEDURES, TEXT OF WHICH EMERGED AS FOLLOWS: " IT IS AGREED THAT THE ARRANGEMENT ON PARTICIPATION AND PROCEDURES SET FORTH TODAY WILL ALSO APPLY TO THE PRESENT CONSULTATIONS AND IN THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RAISE DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS THE QUESTION OF INVITING ADDITIONAL

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS AND THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING WORKING GROUPS AS COMMITTEES."

15. ADVANCE PREPARATION FOR FIRST PLENARY: CHAIRMAN THEN TURNED DISCUSSION TO CONSIDERATION OF SERIES OF MINOR DECISIONS OUTLINED BY NETHERLANDS REP. CANADIAN REP PROPOSED THAT IF NETHERLANDS REP SERVES AS THE PLENARY SPOKESMAN WHO READS THE PROCEDURES PAPER UNDER AN EASTERN CHAIRMAN, US REP SHOULD DELIVER WESTERN STATEMENT. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT GROUP COULD DEFER DISCUSSION OF THESE SPECIFICS UNTIL LATER, BUT SAID THAT GROUP ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE ADVANCED BY THE SOVIETS THAT THE PLENARY SPOKESMAN SHOULD BE FROM A SIDE DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE PLENARY CHAIRMAN. CHAIRMAN THEN RAISED QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING AN EDITORIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW TRANSLATIONS OF THE PROCEDURES PAPER AND THE NEED TO DESIGNATE WESTERN MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE. US REP PROPOSED THAT BELGIAN AND CANADIAN DELS PROVIDE EDITORS FOR FRENCH TEXT, THAT FRG AND POSSIBLY DUTCH OR DANISH DELOFFS REVIEW GERMAN TEXT, AND THAT US AND UK DELS PROVIDE EDITORS FOR RUSSIAN TEXT. UK REP NOTED THAT IN VIEW OF SOVIET BEHAVIOR THUS FAR, HE SUSPECTED THAT THE SOVIETS MIGHT TRY TO UNTIE ANY PACKAGE ESTABLISHED. HE ADVISED THEREFORE THAT IN PREPARING THE WRITTEN RECORD OF THE FIRST PLENARY, THE STATEMENTS TO BE MADE BY EACH SIDE SHOULD NOT BE STAPLED SEPARATELY FROM THE BODY OF THE PROCEDURES PAPER. US REP AGREED AND FELT THAT A
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PACKET COULD BE MADE CONTAINING EACH OF THE 4 LANGUAGES. DANISH REP EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT HE COULD BE THE ONLY FLANK STATE WITH SPECIAL STATUS SERVING ON THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE. ITALIAN REP PROPOSED THAT LUXEMBOURG REPLACE DANISH REP, BUT FRG REP POINTED OUT THAT INCLUSION OF DANISH REP WOULD GIVE APPEARANCE OF HAVING CONSENSUS FROM ALL 19. GROUP THEN AGREED TO SETTLE THESE QUESTIONS AT A FUTURE MEETING.

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